

Regular meeting of the City Council : Austin, Texas, Febry 8th 1917:

The Council was called to order by the Mayor, with all members present:

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and adopted :

Reports of City Officers:

The mayor laid before the Council the reports of the City Marshall, the City Sexton, the Public Weigher, the Plumbing Inspector, the Cashier of the Sanity Sewer Dept, etc, which were read and ordered filed.

Councilman Powell offered the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the City council of the City of Austin, Texas :

That P S Spiller, Cashier of the Sanitary Sewer Earnings fund, be authorized and instructed to refund to August Anderson, inspection fees which he paid at 603 & 605 East 13th street, amounting to \$ 3.00, which premises subsequently was discovered could not be connected with the sewers on account of topographical conditions.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none,

Councilman Powell offered the following resolution:

A resolution approving the City Engineers report concerning improvements upon the alley between 4th & 5th streets from Brazos to San Jacinto streets, and directing a hearing to property owners concerning the assessment for the cost of such improvements against them and their property, fixing a time for said hearing and directing that a notice be given to said property owners concerning the said hearing.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none,

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

Councilman Powell offered the following resolution :

A resolution approving the City Engineers report concerning improvements upon the alley between Congress Avenue and Brazos street from 2nd to 3rd streets, and directing a hearing to property owners concerning the assessment for the cost of such improvements against them and their property, fixing a time for said hearing and directing that a notice be given to said property owners concerning the said hearing.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none,

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

Councilman Powell offered the following resolution :

A resolution approving the City Engineers report concerning improvements upon the alley between Colorado street and Congress Avenue from 2nd to 3rd streets, and directing a hearing to property owners concerning the assessment for the cost of such improvements against them and their property, fixing a time for said hearing and directing that a notice be given to said property owners concerning the said hearing.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none,

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor

*Aug Anderson
Inspection fees
refunded*

*Engineers report
Improvements
Alley between
4th & 5th
from Brazos to
San Jacinto Sts*

*Engineers report
Improvements
Alley Congress
Avenue
from 2nd to 3rd
streets*

*Engineers report
Improvements
Alley Colorado
street
from 2nd to 3rd
streets*

~~Regular meeting of the City Council: Austin, Texas, July 10, 1917~~

~~The Council was called to order by the Mayor with all members present:~~

~~The minutes of the last regular and subsequent adjourned meetings were read and adopted:~~

~~The Mayor laid before the Council the reports of the City Marshall, the Public Feighor, Mr. Sexton, the Plumbing Inspector, the Cashier Street Dept, the City Engineer, which were read and ordered filed.~~

..The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

Whereas, for the years 1908 & 1909, assessments for taxes against the Texas Life Insurance company, of Waco, Texas, of its securities on deposit in the State Treasury of the State of Texas, were made at a valuation of \$ 142,254.00;

And whereas, there are included among said securities on deposit in the State Treasury, certain National Bank stock, and stock of other Corporations, which are not subject to taxation in the City of Austin, and there was an error in said assessments of the amount of said securities on deposit in the State Treasury of the State of Texas for said years aforesaid;

And whereas, in truth and in fact, said Texas Life Insurance company only had on deposit on the 1st days of January, 1908 & 1909, securities to the amount and value of \$33,000.00 which were subject to taxation in this City for said two years;

And whereas, said Texas Life Insurance company desires to pay taxes on said securities for said years 1908 and 1909, whenever the proper corrections and errors in the assessment of said securities for said years shall have been made;

Now, therefore, Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas, that said errors in the assessments of the securities of the Texas Life Insurance company, of Waco, Texas, on deposit in the State Treasury of the State of Texas, for the years 1908 & 1909, be and the same are hereby corrected and reduced to \$ 33,000.00 for each of said years; and the Assessor & Collector of taxes of this City be, and he is hereby directed to make said corrections in said Assessments on his books accordingly.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none,

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution:

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas :

That the City of Austin here contracts on this 22nd day of January, 1917, with J W Maxwell and the firm of Lightfoot, Brady & Robertson, all Attorneys at law in the City of Austin, Texas, whereby the City of Austin agrees to pay to said J W Maxwell and the firm of Lightfoot, Brady & Robertson, Attorneys, twenty per centum as commissions of the amounts they collect in taxes of certain securities deposited with the State Treasurer of the State of Texas and subject, as is believed by the said J W Maxwell and the firm of Lightfoot, Brady & Robertson, to local taxation, and

Be it further resolved:

That the contract in full between the City of Austin and the said J W Maxwell and Lightfoot, Brady & Robertson, which is hereby approved, is ordered and directed to be recorded in full in the minutes of the City Council.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5
Nays none, Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor

*Repair Life Ins
Co Texas 190809*

*Contract
J W Maxwell &
Lightfoot, Brady &
Robertson to
Collect back taxes*

The State of Texas

County of Travis

This contract and agreement made and entered into on this the 22nd day of January A D 1917, by and between the City of Austin, Texas acting by and through its Mayor, who has been duly authorized so to do by the City Council of said City, party of the first part, and J W Maxwell, and the firm of Lightfoot, Brady & Robertson, parties of the second part, witnesseth:

Whereas, the said parties of the second part have heretofore rendered to the party of the first part certain services for the discovery for taxation by said City of Austin of certain personal property and securities belonging to certain Corporations and which were and are on deposit in the State Treasury of this State, and in compiling and furnishing to the party of the first part a list of such property and securities for the purpose of being assessed for taxes, and in advising the said party of the first part and its Officers in legally assessing said property and securities for taxes, and in representing said party of the first part in prosecuting the test case of the City of Austin vs Guarantee Life Insurance Company of Houston, Texas, to final judgment and decision, in the Dist Court of Travis County, the Court of Civil Appeals of the third Supreme Judicial District, and the Supreme Court of Texas, resulting in a judgment in favor of the party of the first part, and a decision of the said Courts to the effect that all such personal property and securities of such domestic Corporations on deposit in the State Treasury as aforesaid, are subject to taxation by the party of the first part, which said services so rendered by the parties of the second part as aforesaid were rendered by them under a contract and agreement between the said City of Austin and the said J W Maxwell, dated the 15th day of August 1912, whereby the said Maxwell was to be paid by the said City of Austin the same rate of compensation as hereinafter provide to be paid to the said parties of the second part hereto, for said services rendered as aforesaid, and which said contract, according to its terms, has partially expired, and the parties hereto desire to renew and extend the same so as to insure the collection of all such taxes, and interest and penalties thereon.

Now, therefore, it is hereby agreed as follows:

1. Said prior contract and agreement dated the 15th day of August 1912, above mentioned is hereby renewed and extended until the taxes, interest and penalties mentioned herein are fully collected.
2. The parties of the second part hereby agree and bind themselves to prepare and compile or cause to be so prepared and compiled a correct list of all such personal property and securities owned by all such domestic Corporations and on deposit with or in said State Treasury of this State for and during the years 1915 and all prior years, that have not already been assessed for Taxe or either of said years, that have not already been assessed for taxes farxxby

Contract
Maxwell & Lightfoot
Brady & Robertson
to Collect Back
Taxes

said City of Austin , and to forward such list to the party of the first part, and in case any such property and securities have not heretofore been legally assessed for taxes by said City of Austin for said years 1915 and prior years, to furnish said party of the first part , and the proper Officers thereof ,with all such data and information as will enable said party of the first part and its Officers to make a legal assessment thereof for taxes for said years 1915 and all prior years ,and to furnish said party of the first part with data and information showing that such property and securities are legally taxable by said City of Austin under said judgement and decision in the test case before mentioned; and to receive and collect all such taxes ,interest and penalties on such property and securities aforesaid for the said years 1915 and all prior years, whether heretofore or hereafter assessed; to bring and prosecute all suit or suits that may become necessary to enforce the payment of all such taxes ,interest and penalties thereon, whether now due and delinquent or hereafter to become due and delinquent for the taxes for said years 1915 and all prior years; and to do and perform all other things necessary and proper to be done in the collection of all such taxes ,interest and penalties.

3. In consideration of the services heretofore performed by the said parties of the second part ,as aforesaid, and of those hereafter to be performed by them as herein provided, the said party of the first part hereby agrees and binds itself to pay to the said parties of the second part a fee and compensation of twenty (20%) per cent of all such taxes, interest and penalties which shall be collected and received by said party of the first part ,whether collected directly by said parties of the second part, or paid to the said party of the first part ; such compensation and fees to be paid as fast as such taxes, interest and penalties are collected or paid.

4. It is further mutually agreed that said parties of the second part shall pay, and alone be responsible for all fees ,charges and expenses incurred by them, except Court costs, in performing the services herein required of them, and all fees and charges of any Attorneys or other persons they may see fit to employ to assist them in the performance of this agreement.

Witness our hands in duplicate, the day and date hereinbefore first written.

(Sgd) The City of Austin, Texas,
By A P Wooldridge, Mayor
Party of the first part.

(Sgd) J W Maxwell
Lightfoot Brady & Robertson.
Parties of the second part.

Mayor Wooldridge offered the following resolution :

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas :

That the sum of nine hundred and fourteen dollars and eighty one cents (\$914.81) be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the General Contingent fund of the City of Austin, Texas, in payment of fees to J W Maxwell and Lightfoot Brady & Robertson on special contract for collecting taxes on securities of certain Life Insurance and other companies on deposit with the State Treasurer of the State of Texas and subject to local taxation in the City of Austin, Texas, .

This is a 20% commission on \$ 4,574.06, collected by the said J W Maxwell and Lightfoot Brady & Robertson of the Guarantee Life insurance Company of Houston, Texas, on judgement

*Appropriation
to pay
Maxwell, Lightfoot
& Robertson*

for taxes in favor of the City of Austin for the years 1908 & 1909.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5
Nays none,

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas :

That the sum of two hundred ninety nine dollars & eighty two cents (\$299.82) be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the General Contingent fund of the City of Austin, Texas, and made payable to J W Maxwell and Lightfoot, Brady & Robertson , under their special contract with this City , in payment of twenty per centum commissions on \$ 1,499.11, of taxes for the years of 1908 & 19 09, collected from the Texas Life Insurance Company of Waco on securities deposited with the State Treasurer.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5
Nays none,

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor:

Mayor Wooldridge offered the following resolution :

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas :

That the sum of six hundred (\$600.00) dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the General Contingent fund of the City of Austin, Texas, and made payable to the salary of a river guard at the rate of fifty (\$50.00) per dollars per month .

This river guard is to be appointed by the Supt of Police and Public Safety and in addition to doing special guard duty along the river front of this City, is to be held subject to such police assignment ,work and duty as the Supt of Police and Public Safety may from time to time order and direct.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5
Nays none,

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

Councilman Anthony offered the following resolution :

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas :

That for good and sufficient causes unto the City Council moving, the balance of the fine and costs , amounting to \$ 3.80, in the case of the State of Texas vs Cruz Tapia, in the Corporation Court of the City of Austin, Texas, No 11556, be and the same is hereby remitted.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote;

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5
Nays none. Approved, A P Wooldridge ,Mayor

Appropriation to pay Maxwell Lightfoot Brady Robertson

Appropriation to pay River Guard

As was Tapia fine remitted

Councilman Powell offered the following resolution :

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas :

That P S Spiller Cashier of the Sanitary Sewer department, be and is hereby instructed to refund to Mrs E Kline, the sum of two & 85/100 dollars (\$ 2.85) , which she inadvertently paid excessive on sewer charges at 1907 & 1907 1/2 University Avenue.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none,

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

The Mayor laid before the Council application from W G Sedwick for license as driver of service car, which was granted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none.

Councilman Powell offered the following resolution :

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas :

That the sum of sixty four (\$64.00) dollars, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the cost and damage appropriation in the General street fund appropriations of this City for the year 1917, in payment in full of the claim of Dan Meehan against the City of Austin Texas, as is set out in the receipt in full which accompanies and is made the basis of this resolution.

This appropriation is to be paid in two items and to two different persons; Fifty (\$ 50.00) dollars of the amount to be paid to Dan Meehan and fourteen (\$14.00) dollars to his Physician, Dr Sam Haigler.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none,

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

Councilman Powell offered the following resolution :

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas :

That the sum of one hundred and twenty five (\$125.00) dollars, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the cost and damage fund in the appropriations of the General Street fund for the year 1917, in payment of the balance due in cause No 32200, Alice Earnest vs the City of Austin, in the Dist Court of Travis County Texas, 53rd Judicial Dist.

A receipt is filed with this resolution ,and made the basis of same.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none,

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

Councilman Powell offered the following resolution:

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas :

That the sum of three hundred and seventy five (\$375.00) dollars, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the cost and damage fund in the appropriations of the general street fund of this City for the year 1917 in payment of the balance due in cause No 32199, A B Dietrich, et al, vs City of Austin, in the Dist Court of Travis County ,Texas, 53rd Judicial Dist.

*Mrs E Kline
Sewerage refund.*

*Dan Meehan
Damages.
Dr Haigler
Damages.*

*Alice Earnest
Damages.*

*A B Dietrich
Damages.*

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none,

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

Mayor Wooldridge offered the following resolution:

Whereas, it appearing to the City Council that there is no need for more than fifty (\$50.00) dollars in the appropriation of one hundred and fifty (\$150.00) dollars for assistance to City Clerk.

Now therefore,

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin:

That one hundred (\$100.00) dollars of said appropriation be and the same is hereby cancelled out of the Mayors budget and transferred to the General Contingent fund of this City for the year 1917.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none,

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

The Mayor laid before the Council an application from Collett Miller, 304 E 10th street, for license as driver of service car, which was granted by the following vote;

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none.

Councilman Anthony offered the following resolution:

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas:

That for good and sufficient causes unto the City Council moving, the balance of the fine and costs, amounting to \$ 10.80, in cause NO 11835, State of Texas vs Ben Oliver, in the Corporation Court of the City of Austin, Texas, be and the same is hereby remitted.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none,

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

Mayor Wooldridge offered the following resolution :

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas : That the sum of six hundred and fifty (\$ 650.00) do lars, be and the same is hereby transferred from Miscellaneous special appropriations payable out of the General fund to the Park fund of this City.

This transfer is made for consitancy in Book-keeping.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5

Transfer from Budget Amended

Collett Miller License driver

Ben Oliver fine remitted

Transfer from General fund to Park fund

Nays none,

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

Councilman Powell offered the following resolution :

Whereas, the Supt of Streets and Public Improvements has filed his report with the City Council to the effect that the work of constructing a storm sewer to carry the waters of Little Shoal Creek bwtMXX between the alley between 7th & 8th streets and 16th street under contract with the City had been fully done in strict accordance with the contractand specifications adopted by the City Council .

Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas :
That the said work of improvement be finally accepted by the City and that the final estimate due by the City to the said contractor be paid.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none,

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

The Council then adjourned.

J. J. Johnson
City Clerk

*Storm Sewer
just from St 7th
16th*